

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, was held in open session on November 10, 2014, and called to order by Mayor Knaack at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following members were present: Traxler, Sutherland, Brice, Riedel, Schwebs, Brown, Solberg, Cruz, Erdman and Mercil. Luther was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No one appeared.

BUDGET - MOTION to approve the Other Agencies Financial Assistance, as proposed (same as the 2014 budget), except for the three new requests for 2015, was made by Schwebs, seconded by Solberg, and lost on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Traxler, Sutherland, Schwebs and Solberg. Noes: Brice, Riedel, Brown, Cruz, Erdman and Mercil.

MOTION to approve \$60,000 (same as 2014) for 2015 financial assistance to the Mabel Tainter was made by Mercil and seconded by Solberg.

MOTION was made by Cruz, seconded by Mercil, and carried to hear from representatives from the Mabel Tainter. Cindy Quilling, President of the Mabel Tainter Board of Directors, and Bill Butsic, Treasurer, addressed reasons why they requested an additional \$20,000 in the 2015 budget.

ORIGINAL MOTION to approve \$60,000 carried on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Traxler, Sutherland, Brice, Schwebs, Solberg, Cruz, Erdman and Mercil. Noes: Riedel and Brown.

MOTION to approve \$25,400 for 2015 financial assistance to Dunn County Transit was made by Brown, seconded by Cruz, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION to approve \$29,000 for 2015 financial assistance to the Senior Center was made by Cruz, seconded by Riedel, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION to approve \$12,000 for 2015 financial assistance to the Ludington Guard Band was made by Schwebs, seconded by Sutherland, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION to approve \$20,000 for 2015 financial assistance to Main Street of Menomonie was made by Mercil and seconded by Brice. MOTION to suspend the rules to hear from Brenna Long was made by Riedel, seconded by Traxler, and carried. Ms. Long answered questions relating to the downtown businesses and any vacant store fronts. ORIGINAL MOTION carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION to approve \$26,455 for 2015 financial assistance to Dunn County Economic Development was made by Cruz, seconded by Brown, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION to approve \$24,323 for 2015 financial assistance to the Dunn County Humane Society was made by Traxler, seconded by Cruz, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION to approve \$18,000 for 2015 financial assistance to Stepping Stones of Dunn County was made by Mercil and seconded by Erdman. MOTION to suspend the rules to hear from Katherine Dutton, Executive Director of Stepping Stones, was made by Riedel, seconded by Cruz, and carried. Ms. Dutton answered questions regarding the requested increase in the 2015 budget (from \$15,440 to \$18,000). ORIGINAL MOTION carried on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Traxler, Sutherland, Brice, Schwebs, Solberg, Erdman and Mercil. Noes: Riedel, Brown and Cruz.

MOTION to approve \$6,000 for 2015 financial assistance to Evergreen Cemetery Association was made by Cruz, seconded by Sutherland, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION to approve \$5,000 for 2015 financial assistance to the Dunn County Historical Society was made by Schwebs and seconded by Brown. MOTION was made by Traxler, seconded by Sutherland, and carried to suspend the rules to hear from Matt Carter, Executive Director of the

Dunn County Historical Society. Mr. Carter answered questions relating to the request for financial assistance. ORIGINAL MOTION carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION to approve \$2,000 for 2015 financial assistance to the GFWC Women's Club was made by Brown, seconded by Mercil, and carried on roll call vote with Schwebs opposed.

MOTION to not approve any funds for 2015 financial assistance to United Way on behalf of the C-3 Center was made by Schwebs, seconded by Brown, and carried on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Traxler, Sutherland, Riedel, Schwebs, Brown, Solberg and Erdman. Noes: Brice, Cruz and Mercil.

MOTION to not approve the requested \$9,000 for 2015 financial assistance to Crossroads Community Center was made by Cruz and seconded by Schwebs. MOTION was made by Mercil, seconded by Sutherland, and carried to suspend the rules to hear from Madison Medenwaldt, representing Crossroads Community Center. Ms. Medenwaldt answered questions about the new teen center and services that are provided to the kids. ORIGINAL MOTION lost on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Solberg and Cruz. Noes: Traxler, Sutherland, Brice, Riedel, Schwebs, Brown, Erdman and Mercil.

MOTION to approve \$9,000 for 2015 financial assistance to Crossroads Community Center was made by Brown, seconded by Riedel, and carried on roll call vote with Solberg and Cruz opposed.

MOTION to add a position of crime prevention specialist to the Menomonie Police Department 2015 budget (estimated cost of \$75,000 for salary and benefits) was made by Schwebs, seconded by Solberg, and carried on roll call vote with Mercil opposed.

MOTION was made by Brown, seconded by Traxler, and carried unanimously on roll call vote to increase the police account 01.52110.242 Radio Maintenance Contract from \$7,000 to \$11,000.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Brice, seconded by Cruz, and carried.

JoAnn L. Kadinger, City Clerk